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SUBJECT: U.S.-U.S.S.R. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL APPOINTS
NEW PRESIDENT

1. THE U.S.-U.S.S.R. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL ON
AUGUST 15 ANNOUNCED THAT MICHAEL V. FORRESTAL HAS BEEN
APPOINTED PRESIDENT REPLACING HAROLD SCOTT. THE APPOINT-
MENT WILL TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1. MR. FORRESTAL
CURRENTLY IS A PARTNER IN THE NEW YORK LAW FIRM SHERMAN
AND STERLING AND HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES INCLUDING A TOUR OF DUTY
AS NAVAL ATTACHE IN EMBASSY MOSCOW. HIS LAST GOVERNMENT
SERVICE WAS AS DEPUTY TO MCGEORGE BUNDY AT THE NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL UNDER THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. (U)

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR. FORRESTAL EXPECTS TO SERVE
AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A LIMITED PERIOD, PROBABLY 9 TO
12 MONTHS. THE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY IS ALREADY UNDERGOING
SOME CHANGES IN ITS NEW YORK OFFICE. CHANGES ARE ALSO
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UNDERWAY IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH IS BEING BROAD-
ENED TO REFLECT A LARGER SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MEMBER-
SHIP. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IN CONFIDENCE THAT U.S. COUNCIL
CO-CHAIRMAN VERITY AND MR. FORRESTAL ARE PLANNING TO

VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN SEPTEMBER. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS
THEY PLAN TO TAKE UP AT THAT TIME WITH THEIR SOVIET

COUNTERPARTS IS THE CRAWFORD CASE. (C) CHRISTOPHER

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